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A "Fake" Legal Opinion of a "Fake" Editorial?

"YOU PAY YOUR MONEY AND YOU TAKE YOUR CHANCE."

Two weeks ago The Bloomfield Record published an article entitled "Illegal Assessments." The object of its publication was to enlighten the public, and especially the taxpayers of Bloomfield, in regard to the costliness, eventually, of the litigation against the borough, likely to ensue from the instructions given to assess property in Glen Ridge, placing the same illegally in the township tax books, ignoring the general tax levy upon that basis, and sending out tax bills demanding payment accordingly. All this has been done by the joint action of the Bloomfield Association, Township Committee and Collector. We pronounce this action just what it is—illegal—stating facts as they appear without denouncing anybody. This has called out a reply in The Citizen, printed editorially as follows:

"A FAKE LEGAL OPINION."

"The boroughites do not hesitate to stoop to false statements to bolster up the cause of the borough, as the following statement published last week and made to appear as if it emanated from Riker & Riker, a reputable Newark law firm:

"The opinion, however has been given by Messrs. Riker & Riker, Counsel for Glen Ridge Borough, that the work is legally done by the Bloomfield Township authorities, by which the assessments have been recorded in the Bloomfield tax books, places the Glen Ridge property owners in a position which compels him, as an individual, to bring suit in the Court of Chancery against Bloomfield Township for illegally assessing his property, otherwise the assessment remains a lien against his property. The Glen Ridge Borough officials have nothing to do with this phase of the controversy, this particular fight being against individuals, and not against the borough collectively. For the tax payer who does not want to pay double, to both Township and Borough Collector, and avoid a tax lien against his property after February 1st, the only remedy he has is to bring suit as an individual and have the illegal assessment set aside by the court. As there will be some hundreds of these cases, and all of them alike, the expense of instituting suits will be small, borne by each but the costs of the suits in the Court of Chancery will be about \$40 in each case. We are informed, and this in the aggregate will amount to several thousand dollars. This will have to be borne by Bloomfield township, as a part of the expense that is being imposed upon it by Bloomfield's alleged 'Counsel' in the fight against the Borough."

"No such nonsense ever emanated from the office of Riker & Riker. If there were several hundred cases of precisely a similar character, what object would there be in contesting such cases when the first one would establish a precedent? Erroneous assessments are occasionally erased from the tax books by direction of the Township Committee without occasioning the aggrieved party to have recourse to the Court of Chancery. Where taxes have been illegally collected in the past they have been refunded to the payer and recovered without expenses either to the payer or the township. If zealous boroughites want to explore their legal knowledge they should do it under their own names and not resort to means that are likely to bring reputable lawyers into disrepute."

There is a thing anonymous in the "legal knowledge" above quoted from The Record. The editor consulted nobody, neither borough official, nor borough official, was paid nothing for "exploiting" the opinion, expects no reward for expressing it but the fairly earned good will of the people of both Glen Ridge and Bloomfield, whose welfare this paper is endeavoring impartially to serve. Nothing is charged for the opinion then and now freely expressed as an up-bought American citizen, untroubled by partisan intimidation, that not only was the assessment of Glen Ridge by Bloomfield officials illegal, but also that the assessment of Bloomfield, if not illegal, was a politico-financial blunder that will cost the township taxpayers dearly, and in the outcome relegate Counsel and Committee men who uphold it to the obscurity and disrepute that they courted and have fairly earned.

There is no danger that any reputable lawyers will be brought into disrepute by any statements made in The Record. But there is great danger that legal quackery, editorial trickery and political knavery will be exposed, and we mean that it shall be, if possible.

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held on Monday night. All the members were present.

The following bills were ordered paid: Henry Thompson, Janitor of Police Station, \$4.25; Bloomfield Boarding and Livery Stable, police account, \$57.50; Police officers' salaries for September, five, \$60 each; Chas. Hummel, salary and extra work, \$14; Samuel Peloubet, hardware supplies, \$6.25; M. Roberts, for care of Mrs. Bonnell, \$22.50; Bloomfield Boarding and Livery Stables, \$6; C. L. Voorhees, Postmaster, \$66.66. Dr. J. P. Scherff, medicines, poor account, \$6.05; New York and New Jersey Telephone Co., \$18.55. This bill created some discussion. Mr. Stout and Mr. Haskell both said that the free use of the telephone at the police station and also at the committee rooms. Lyon & Co., for decorating the City Hall for Firemen's Day, \$10; Postmaster Frank G. Tower, stamped envelopes, \$25.80; Gustav Brunet, moving and placing fire alarm pole, \$4; Mr. Stout and Mr. Fisher said that this charge was exorbitant. The bill was referred back to the Finance Committee and Chief Clerk. Thus Hayes, junior of City Hall, salary \$70; Thomas B. Baxter, acknowledgments of tax sales, \$21.50; A. C. Marr, salary account, \$100; E. D. Ackerman, cleaning city hall furnace, 75 cents; Horace Dahl, three months rent, \$112.50; William L. Johnson, clerk, salary, \$92.50; Bloomfield National Bank, interest on sewer bonds, \$234.86; Theo. Cadmus, building tool box, \$9; Walter Lane, sewer inspector, salary \$50; Bloomfield National Bank, \$45.37; Bloomfield National Bank, \$654.58; E. D. Ackerman, sewer connections, \$105.60; E. D. Ackerman, lowering man holes, \$5; Sewer inspectors, \$165; Wm. W. Taylor, 36 sewer pipes, \$35.62; A. H. Olmsted, 5 per cent on sewer construction, \$500. A. H. Olmsted, re-locating monument stones, \$150.

Mr. Stout called for an explanation in regard to this bill. He desired to know whether this included the cost of re-setting the monument stones. Mr. Olmsted said that it would not. He said that he intended to re-set them within the sidewalk line about three feet from the fence. There are about 80 monument stones to be re-set.

Mr. Haskell said that a number of property owners had objected to having the flag poles set up for this purpose.

Mr. Fisher of the road committee reported that its work was completed and that the men employed on the roads had been discharged with the exception of Superintendent Oakes.

Mr. Fisher made a motion that Mr. Oakes be retained as Superintendent of Public Works until May 1st, 1896, at a salary of \$20 per month. Hickory and Vine Streets east of the canal were reported to be in a passable condition.

Mr. Gilbert reported a complaint received from Mr. Voorhees in regard to the condition of Race Street. Referred to the Road Committee for investigation and report at the next meeting.

The Consolidated Traction Company was granted a license to take water from the hydrants along Bloomfield Avenue for street sprinkling purposes from Liberty Street to the city line.

Mr. Powers reported the receipt of two communications on the subject of electric lights for the township, one from Mr. J. W. Schroeder and one from Mr. J. P. Canlin, setting forth what they proposed to do provided their respective applications were granted. Mr. Schroeder, of New York, said he would furnish seventy-five arc lamps, 1,200 candle power, to burn all night, \$100 per lamp a year, provided he could obtain a five year contract. Incandescent lights for private use would be furnished at the rate of 1 cent per lamp per hour.

Mr. Conklin of New York offered to supply 2000 candle power at about the same cost. If granted a franchise the latter said a company would be organized in two months and the plant would be in operation in six months.

Mr. Powers said he had investigated the subject of electric lights and offered a motion that a special meeting be called for Friday evening, October 18, at which time citizens interested in this project will have an opportunity to be heard.

P. H. Harrison & Sons, sewer contractors, requested an extension of time, from October 1 to November 1, to complete their contract. Their request was granted.

A communication was received from Messrs. Thomas Oakes and Henry P. Dodd, who own most of the abutting property, to extend the sewer system across the canal on Belleville Avenue as far as the Stafford property. Mr. Oakes intends to have the sewerage from his factory pumped up into the main sewer. The clerk was directed to advertise for bids for this extension, the bids to be opened on Monday, Oct. 21.

The franchise committee was directed to have licenses prepared to be placed in each of the Consolidated Traction Company's cars. There are twenty cars now in operation. The license fee is ten dollars per car.

The clerk was directed to notify the Traction Company to replace several crosswalks on Bloomfield Avenue that had been taken up in putting in the tracks.

A communication was received from Thomas Monaghan, stating that the work of raising his house and grading on Montgomery Avenue had been completed to his entire satisfaction, and thanking the Committee for the same.

Charles Murray appeared before the Committee to complain that the water from Spruce Street flowed into his yard, at the foot of Fremont Street. The matter was referred to the road committee.

A demand note for \$6000 for sewer purposes was ordered drawn.

Collector Marr was authorized to record with the County Clerk the tax sales made in July.

THE SECRET OF MAY.

What is the world trying to say? Why is the light so tender and gray? Why are the flowers so pale and sad? On the first new day of the autumn green?

May is a time when you could say what these things mean.

And tell the secret of May.

What is my heart trying to say? Why does it tremble and hurry and start? At the sight of a leaf on a sunny day? At least I shall never so delicately start. Nay, he who would say what these things mean.

And tell the secret of May.

—H. C. Beeching.

CROMWELL'S FIRST STATUE.

An Image of Wood and Wax Carried Through London in 1658.

When Edward Burroughs, the Quaker "Apostle of London," whom George Fox called his "Son of Thunder," was passing through Charing Cross on his way to the gallows, the "Quaker" of the ninth month of 1705, he found the streets crowded with people. "The guards of soldiers, horse and foot," says he, "stayed and stopped my horse and said, 'I might not pass that way. Neither, indeed, I will,' adds he, 'by reason of the throng of people.'"

When he inquired the reason of "this thronging and pressing of multitudes," he was told that they all came out "only to see a dead image and invented feature, without life or breath, which would be a great disgrace to the nation."

The zealous Quaker thought the statue of Oliver Cromwell all the more an insult to his memory because "he was a great instrument in the hands of the Lord to break down many idolatrous images and graven idols. And have they now, said my spirit, made a costly image of him? And are such as were once his soldiers, who pulled down images and crosses, and all such popish stuff wherever they met with it, now guarding his image and watching over it, and his children and officers following it, multitudes of the inhabitants of London gazing after it? This is sad, said I, and a great pity. Is this the end and final farewell of once noble Oliver?"

Edward Burroughs concluded that it was "a judgement" upon Cromwell to be thus wronged after his death, because he had suffered the servants of the Lord (the Quakers) to be persecuted and imprisoned for crying against such things as were popish. He says that Cromwell himself would have been angry at it. "I knew the man when he was living and had the knowledge of his spirit. And I am persuaded if it had been asked him in his lifetime if such an image should be made like him, and then set up in such a place, I believe he would have denied, I say, and said, 'It shall not be done for me, when I am dead.' If it had been his bones," added the Quaker, "I should not have thought against it, whereas it was but an image made by hands." So Burroughs went home and wrote his "Testimony Against Great Idolatry."—Westminster Gazette.

such are Travellers.

"Your story is a little vague at one point," said the publisher, and the young woman naturally wanted to know the whereabouts of the alleged vagueness.

"Where you say," explained the publisher, "that the publisher, and the young man, had recourse to the most effective weapons against the tyrant man? Now, do you refer to tears or fatigues?"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

All men's souls are immortal, but the souls of the righteous are both immortal and divine.—Scotts.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional means. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a running nose, or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; also cases of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. 635 South by Drugstore, 75c.

To Taxpayers of the Borough of Glen Ridge.

In view of the action of the tax officers of the township of Bloomfield in illegally assessing property within the limits of the Borough of Glen Ridge, and distributing tax bills for such taxes, it becomes proper for me as Collector of taxes for the Borough, to warn all property owners in Glen Ridge to disregard these illegal tax bills. Payment to the collector of Bloomfield will be of no avail against the taxes assessed by the Borough for the year 1895. As this action on the part of the township is without legal basis, legal proceedings should be at once instituted to set it aside.

FRANK R. BENSON, Collector of Taxes, Borough of Glen Ridge, September 30, 1895.

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